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- 1. KAMEL WANTS USG TO RESERVE 20 ROOMS AT CHURCHILL HOTEL FOR EGYPTIAN DELEGATION, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY PRESS PLAY SUGGESTING LONDON MEETING IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION (REF B, BEING REPEATED TO JERUSALEM).
- 2. GIVEN KAMEL'S CONCERNS, OUR DESIRE TO HAVE ALL DELE-GATIONS UNDER ONE ROOF, AND SINCE USG IS ORGANIZING LONDON SECRET

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MEETING AT ITS OWN INITIATIVE, WE AGREE WITH KAMEL'S REQUEST.

3. FOR CAIRO: PLEASE REITERATE YOUR ASSURANCE TO KAMEL THAT WE ARE SIMPLY SEEKING TO DEAL WITH A DIFFICULT LOGISTICAL PROBLEM ON CONTINGENCY BASIS, WITH NO IMPLICATION THAT THIS MEANS IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENT TO LONDON TALKS

BEFORE PRESIDENT CARTER SENDS INVITATION, PARTIES ACCEPT AND TALKS ARE ANNOUNCED. LONDON HOTEL ROOMS SIMPLY NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE DURING TOURIST SEASON. WE DO. HOWEVER, UNDERSTAND KAMEL'S CONCERN AND HAVE

ACCORDINGLY INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY IN LONDON TO RESERVE 20 ROOMS FOR EGYPTIAN DELEGATION. (FYI: WHILE WE WILL PROCEED AS KAMEL SUGGESTS, WE HOPE YOU CAN FIND WAY TO POINT OUT TO HIM THAT IF LONDON TALKS DO NOT TAKE PLACE WE COULD BE STUCK WITH CANCELLATION FEES. WE WOULD LIKE HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES GOE WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PAY ANY CANCELLATION FEES. END FYI).

- 4. FOR TEL AVIV: PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIAL TO AMEND OUR PREVIOUS MESSAGE ON HOTEL SITUATION (REF A). SINCE MEETING BEING CONVENED AT USG INITIATIVE, USG IS PREPARED TO TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS. IF GOI AGREEABLE, THEREFORE, WE WILL RESERVE 20 ROOMS AT CHURCHILL FOR THE ISRAELIS IN NAME OF USG. FYI SECTION IN PARA 3 ALSO APPLIES TO YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
- 5. FOR LONDON: PLEASE RESERVE 50 OF 70 ROOMS OFFERED BY CHURCHILL IN NAME OF USG FOR JULY 17-18. RESERVE REMAINING 20 OF 70 IN NAME OF USG IF EMBASSY TEL AVIV INDICATES GOI IS AGREEABLE.

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